Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Some of the honorary visitors have not visited the Asylum at all. May I know whether there is any rule regarding the number of visits to be made by the honorary visitors?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There is no strict rule to that effect.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the earthly benefit of having visitors if they do not visit at all? Do they serve any useful purpose?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No use.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Government take any action on the persons who did not visit at all?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What about the gentleman who did not visit the Leper Asylum at all?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Action has not yet been taken.

Central Jail—visit by honorary visitors.

50. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of visits made by each of the honorary visitors to the Central Jail in 1109?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

Dr. A. R. Menon	.. 7
Rev. Fr. Palocaren	.. 2
Mr. V. K. Narayana Menon	.. 1

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the reason why the names of the Government Members are not given though they are honorary visitors?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it should have been given. It is an omission.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the Government visitors have all visited the Central Jail during the year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Trichur Ayurvedic Hospital—visit by honorary visitors.

51. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of visits made by each of the honorary visitors to the Trichur Ayurvedic Hospital in 1109?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon —There are no honorary visitors for the Hospital at present.

Pykara Electric Scheme.

52. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state how far the supply of electricity from Pykara has progressed;

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(2) do the Government propose to supply electricity from any other source;

(3) if so, from what source?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The idea has been dropped.

(2) and (3) Government are considering the proposal of supplying electricity to the towns of Trichur and Ernakulam by independent power stations of their own.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the Government made any estimate regarding the rate at which electricity can be supplied to the public ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the rate ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Electricity for purposes of lights and fans will be distributed at the rate of five annas and six annas per unit.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are the Government in correspondence with the Travancore Government regarding the supply of electricity from Pallivasal ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—What will be the approximate bulk of electricity they hope to generate from these power stations?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The station designed in Trichur is for a capacity of about 250 kilowatts.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Will it be as much as we hoped to get from the Pykara?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know why the question of taking power from the Pykara has been dropped ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There were certain conditions attached to the supply of power from Pykara. To some of those conditions we could not agree. They wanted a minimum guarantee of Rs. 3 lakhs.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will it be as cheap as Pykara?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Now that the Pykara scheme has been dropped has the Government considered the feasibility of developing Hydro-electric power at Poringalkuttu ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question of Poringalkuttu scheme has not been dropped. In fact the scheme that we are going to place before this House will be a part of the complete scheme when the Hydro-Electric Scheme ist aken up.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—When do the Government propose to take up that scheme ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The House will remember that the cost for generating power from the Poringalkuttu falls will be about Rs. 68 lakhs. We hope to undertake the scheme as soon as the finances permit.

Mr. Joseph Pettah—Do you expect to finance it from the ordinary revenue or by way of raising a loan ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I think that my Hon'ble friend the Finance Member will tell you that it is by raising a loan and not from the ordinary revenues.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the main purposes for which electricity is to be used ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For domestic purposes and industries.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it for industries started on the Government initiative ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is inclusive of Government industries as well as private enterprises.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the approximate cost of the installations ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—For Trichur alone we have got the estimates ready. It comes to Rs. 2½ lakhs.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are Government aware that there is a registered Company in Cochin doing this business ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the Government considered the advisability of asking them to supply electricity?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. The reason is this. We consulted a firm of Consulting Engineers in London. They were of opinion that the distribution of electricity should be done through Government agency and not through small private enterprises in different places. So we think it is desirable to have the electric distribution done by Government so that there will be uniformity in rates and equity of distribution.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Accepting all the terms the Pykara authorities wanted, have the Government calculated at what rate it would be able to supply electricity to the people of the State?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what would have been the rate?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is not a point on which a straight answer can be given. It is a complicated matter depending on various factors. If the House demands it I can send my report on the same.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I heard the Member for Engineering saying that Pykara would have been costlier. Would the

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present scheme be of the same cost or will it be cheaper than Pykara.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Pykara power will not be cheaper in one case because they want a minimum guarantee of Rs. 3 lakhs for 20 years per year from the date of their supply and we may be losing some money in the first two or three years.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Has the Government enquired whether there is any other agency which would supply power at cheaper rates than we can have here at our stations?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Has the Travancore Government completed their scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The scheme of Travancore is not expected to be completed before 1937.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When will the scheme proposed by our Government be completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I expect to complete it in 12 months.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will it come into conflict with the interests of any of the Companies for whom licenses have been given by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—So far as I know the one Company for which license has been given is willing to relinquish their right.

Road from Alur to Mattam—opening of.

53. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the Diwan has received a petition dated 3rd April 1934, from the people of Alur village in Talappalli Taluk praying to open a road from Alur to Mattam;

(b) whether the Rural Reconstruction Committee had referred to the opening of this road in their report;

(c) whether the petitioners' prayer has been sanctioned;

(d) whether a copy of the orders passed by the Government in respect of the above petition be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The request is being considered.

(d) No reply is necessary in view of the above answer.

President of the Vellarappilli Panchayat—term of.

54. മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ.— താഴെ ചോദ്യത്തിനു് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു് ഉത്തരം പറയാമോ?

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